

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title of the invention:

This application is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/657,721, filed September 8, 2003, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 09/219,441, filed August 15, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/098,181, filed March 14, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 09/977,061, filed October 12, 2001, which in turn is a reissue of U.S. Patent Number 5,964,897, issued October 12, 1999, entitled INTEGRATED STRUCTURE FOR A CONVOLUTIVE VITERBI DECODER, which are incorporated herein by reference.